



**Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council**  
**August 8, 2011 Board and Stakeholder Meeting Minutes**  
**Peck Park, 6:00pm**

1. **Call to Order:** President Diana Nave called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Approximately 15 stakeholders in attendance.
2. **Roll Call:** Board members in attendance were: Scott Allman, Pete Burmeister, Dan Dixon, Charles Eldred Jr., Craig Goldfarb, Cynthia Gonyea, John Greenwood, Diana Nave, John Stammreich, Capt. George Thompson and Laureen Vivian. Board members excused were: Bob Bryant, Anise Goldfarb, John Mavar, Barbara Schach, and Mark Anthony Shoats. Diana Nave announced the resignation of Mary Hamlin. Approximately 12 stakeholders present.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The **Motion by Pete Burmeister, seconded by George Thompson, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting. Approved unanimously by the Board as presented.**
4. **LAPD:** No report
5. **Public Comment on non agenda items. None**
  - Raymond Yu: Announcements of events.
  - Joe Buscaino: Announced his candidacy for Councilperson for Council District 15.
6. **Watch the Road- LA DOT.** Luz Echavaria provided information on the partnerships between the LADOT and community organizations utilizing the “Watch for Kids” signs. Statistics show a decrease in accidents in the areas where these signs are utilized. Free signs were available for distribution to stakeholders.
7. **Marymount College Plans for San Pedro Campus:**
  - Diana Nave commented that she has been asked to be on an advisory board for the college.
  - Dr. Michael Brophy, President of Marymount, was introduced and gave an overview of the history of the school and how it is connected with San Pedro through its residential sites. Two important partners are the Boys and Girls Club of the Harbor and the Warner Grand.
  - Now that this is a four year college they have expanded into San Pedro with a 6<sup>th</sup> Street Campus (222 6<sup>th</sup> and 420 6<sup>th</sup> Street) , as well as gallery space at the Arcade Building.
  - Peter Finney gave an overview of the 20 year design plans. They have an American Arts and Crafts style theme.
  - Students live at various locations, mostly in San Pedro apartment rented to them by the college.
  - They have had an intensive learning program at the Boys and Girls Club with almost 400 students involved.
  - The educational park includes Rolling Hills Prep, Marymount College, So Cal Institute of Architecture
  - Future phases are triggered by student count and building type with 900 student maximum capacity and build out expected by year 50.
  - Goals are on-site teaching to reduce trips; college buildings at residential “scale”; two-story PV Dr. North street elevations and taller buildings hidden from street view with dense landscaping to create a park atmosphere.

- Rolling Hills Prep and Marymount College work together to share amenities such as an athletic complex.
- The traffic consultant gave an overview of measures to reduce vehicle trips. The traffic study has not yet been completed. This study will be the determinant of how many students can be served on the campus without creating significant traffic impacts. The traffic study includes 17 intersections, 61 related projects and a 20 year traffic forecast projection.
- They plan to come back to the neighborhood council for further discussions as the plan is built out.
- Questions from board members and stakeholders related to enrollment figures and traffic concerns.
- **The following Resolution was brought forth from the Planning and Land Use Committee and passed by the NWSPNC Board with 9 yes votes and 1 no vote.**

*RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION*

*WHEREAS, Marymount College will soon present to the Los Angeles Planning Department a Master Land Application for a Conditional Use permit to authorize construction of its San Pedro campus; and*

*WHEREAS, the College has on three occasions brought to the Planning and Land Use Committee of Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council for review and comment, updates and revisions to the plan including preliminary data for the traffic report; and*

*WHEREAS, the Committee has thoroughly reviewed the Application, queried the College's representatives, and recommended modifications to the plan that have been quickly adopted by the College; and*

*WHEREAS, the Committee has agreed in principle with the plans of the College*

*NOW THEREFORE, the Planning and Land Use Committee of the Northwest Neighborhood Council hereby commends Marymount College for its early presentation, openness to substantive recommendations and collaborative approach to the planning process.*

**8. Found Animals Foundation.** Jennifer Brent was introduced and gave an overview of the Foundation:

- Their goal is to reduce animal care center euthanasia in Los Angeles through sustainable programs. More information can be found on their website at [www.foundanimals.org](http://www.foundanimals.org).
- 3-4 million animals are euthanized each year. 72% are cats.
- Over \$20 million is spent annually in LA alone for staff, housing, medical care, feeding, euthanasia and disposal.
- Found animals funds "Clinico" located with the animal shelter in San Pedro. Clinico offers high quality, low cost sterilization for cats, dogs and rabbits.
- There is a mobile van that services areas with the highest number of animals turned into a particular shelter within the City of Los Angeles.

**9. Community Issues Committee:**

- **Skate board site at Peck Park:** The Board discussed the possibility of a skate board site at Peck Park. A motion was passed by the Community Issues Committee and brought before the Board. After a short discussion, the following motion was passed by unanimous vote of the Board:

*Whereas San Pedro and surrounding neighborhoods have experienced the skateboarders looking for a safe location; and*

*Whereas the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Departments have taken a proactive approach for active skate recreation sites on park property throughout the City of Los Angeles; and*

*Whereas Peck Park has always been located as an ideal site for a Skate Park Plaza; and*

*Whereas a "Skate Plaza" would provide a non-intrusive design but enhance unused park space; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council supports a skate park plaza at Peck Park in San Pedro to serve the needs of skateboarders as a safe location on a non-high traffic area. The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council requests a continued working partnership with the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks staff which includes funding, community meetings and planning.*

- **Parking Meter Issue:** Dan Dixon gave a short overview of the issue and presented a motion passed unanimously by the Community Issues Committee. After a short discussion and comments from Elise Swanson of the Council Office on a parking meter study, the following motion was passed with 8 yes votes, 1 no vote and 1 abstention:

*Whereas, retail businesses in the commercial neighborhoods are struggling in the current economic climate, and*

*Whereas, small retail businesses bring tax monies to the City of Los Angeles, but need to rely on the city to be protective of their ability to operate in a competitive manner, and*

*Whereas, the existence of parking meters, particularly in small, generally defined areas such as downtown San Pedro and downtown Wilmington have long been a source of contention for these businesses and their communities, and*

*Whereas, while the City of Los Angeles has generally imposed \$1.00 per hour fees for parking at these meters, the NWSPNC does not necessarily see some fee for metered parking as onerous, now, therefore:*

*The Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council urges the following:*

- 1. That parking meter charges be reduced citywide to 25 cents per hour.*
- 2. That parking meter revenues not be part of the general fund, but be dedicated to improvements in the communities which they serve (e.g. downtown San Pedro, downtown Wilmington), administered through such mechanisms as a Business Improvement District.*
- 3. That the city view the entire issue of parking meters on a "community of interest" basis, with leadership from every applicable neighborhood council as to the best fit for parking revenues in its contiguous area.*

10. **Port Committee:** Phil Nicolay gave highlights from his written report which included the following topics discussed at the July 26, 2011 Port Committee meeting:
  - Train Noise and Quiet Zones
  - Response from Port of LA Concerning San Pedro Waterfront Solar Panels.
  - Sanitation District Clearwater program. Phil requested that any comments from Board members and stakeholders be sent to the Port Committee. A motion will be presented at a future meeting.
  - John Gibson/I-110 Access Ramps and SR47/I-110 Connector. Cal Trans will be presenting at a public meeting on August 18, 2011.
11. **Safety and Security Committee:** John Stammreich commented that there was no quorum at the last Safety and Security Committee Meeting but there is a possibility that two new members will be joining the committee next month.
12. **Council District 15 Report:** Elise Swanson reported on the following;
  - With Janice Hahn's new position as Congresswoman, a caretaker has been appointed to the Council Office and Jerry Miller is the CLA. Until a new council person is elected, the office will focus on constituent services such as pot holes and resurfacing.
  - Special projects will be finished.
  - There will be no weekly newsletter but there is a Facebook page where information is posted. (LA 15<sup>th</sup> Council District).

- Pete Burmeister asked for an update on the sidewalk problem at Target. The Council Office is in communication with Target's corporate office.
- Craig asked for an update on the Miraflores cut through. Elise responded that the Council Office is putting together an update of all the current projects.

**13. Port of Los Angeles:** Augie Bezmalinovich reported on the following:

- Public hearing on Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> regarding upgrades of the 47/I-110. The project involves the building of sound walls which might be an issue for some residents in that area. It will also be necessary to close the skate park on Channel for about a year.
- Public meeting Aug 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm regarding plans for a "Craft Marketplace" at Warehouses 9 and 10.
- Summer concerts continue at the Fountain on Thursdays.
- Port Police grand opening was a great success with several thousand in attendance.
- Navy Week and the Taste in San Pedro were also very successful and are helping to create a more vibrant waterfront.
- This year's Lobsterfest is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
- SP Slip construction will start after the Lobsterfest event.
- The Maritime Museum is in the process of being refurbished.
- Downtown Harbor Cut is on schedule. Bids have gone out.
- USS IOWA: The Port has not yet received word.
- Front Street Beautification project: Port reps are meeting with DWP to look at the cost of moving some utility poles or undergrounding them.

**14. President's Report:** Diana Nave reported on the following.

- Mary Hamlin is resigning. A board position will be available. Candidates must live within Census Tract 2970.
- Ethics Training: Pete and Craig need to renew their Ethics Training.
- A brochure has been created which represents all three San Pedro neighborhood councils.
- Ashley and Carolyn Grayson were appointed to the Safety and Security Committee.
- Committee assignments were approved (copy attached).
- HANC Report review. CLA is making the decisions
- There are two opportunities coming up locally for board members to take neighborhood council Treasurer training.
- Motion from HANC regarding Grievance Procedures: The HANC passed a motion in opposition of the Grievance Procedures proposed by BONC. NWSPNC and Central SPNC both abstained from voting at the meeting and agreed to take the motion to their respective boards for approval. Dan Dixon made the following motion which was seconded by John Stammreich and approved unanimously by the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Board:

**MOTION RE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

*Whereas BONC has drafted a procedure that would result in BONC being the final adjudicator of any grievances; and*

*Whereas BONC is composed of political appointees and therefore not a neutral body; and*

*Whereas the proposed policy does not have any limits on what type of remedies could be imposed; and*

*Whereas the proposed adjudicator role is not consistent with BONC's role under the charter as a policy making body;*

*Now therefore the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council opposes the Grievance procedures proposed by BONC and recommends that neighborhood council members be involved in developing any such procedures.*

- The HANC is sponsoring a Candidate Forum and invites chambers and rotary clubs to join in. Each NC will have a rep in the planning. The Board was asked to submit questions for the

candidates to Diana and she will give them to the Candidate Forum committee. A specific date has not yet been determined.

15. Treasurer's Report

- After a brief explanation of monthly expenses for July, a motion was made by George Thompson to approve the expenses as presented. The motion was seconded by Charles Eldred and passed unanimously.

16. Updates from Organization Meetings and other events:

- Craig Goldfarb talked about the Education and Neighborhoods meeting he attended. Four motions are going to be reviewed by an Ad Hoc Committee.
- DWP Oversight Meeting: John Stammreich reported that the solar programs are going to be reinstated. There will be a meeting regarding DWP rate increases on August 25th in downtown Los Angeles.
- Announcement of the upcoming Congress of Neighborhoods scheduled for September 24, 2011.
- Laureen Vivian attended the CAC meeting and it looks like discussion has opened up between CAC, CRA Monies and the Port placing the discussion on a red car line loop back on the table.

17. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina Smith, Administrative Assistant to NWSPNC

## Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council - Committees - Updated 8/8/11

### **Community Issues**

John Mavar, Co-Chair  
Dan Dixon, Co-Chair  
Pete Burmeister  
Barbara Schach  
Craig Goldfarb  
John Stammreich  
George Thompson  
*Chuck Hart*  
*David Rivera*

### **Safety and Security**

John Stammreich, Chair  
Cynthia Gonyea, Vice Chair  
Charles Eldred  
*Jody James*  
*Wayne Feltenberger*  
*Carol Grayson*  
*Ashley Grayson*

### **Port**

*Phil Nicolay, Chair*  
Cynthia Gonyea  
Scott Allman  
Bob Bryant  
*Pat Nave*  
*Brian Donnelly*

### **Community Involvement and Collaboration**

Bob Bryant, Chair  
Barbara Schach, Co-chair  
Mary Hamlin  
Anise Goldfarb  
*Brynn Utovac*  
*Irene Almeida*  
*Chris Rochte*

### **Planning & Land Use**

John Greenwood, Chair  
Charles Eldred, Vice Chair  
Craig Goldfarb  
Diana Nave  
Pete Burmeister  
*Chuck Hart*  
*Irene Almeida*  
*David Rivera*  
*Pat Nave*

### **Budget & Finance**

George Thompson, Chair  
Craig Goldfarb, Co-chair  
John Greenwood  
Pete Burmeister  
Bob Bryant

### **Elections/By Laws**

George Thompson, Chair  
Diana Nave  
*David Rivera*

### **REPRESENTATION**

- PCAC – Pat Nave & Phil Nicolay (alternate)
- DWP – John Stammreich
- CRA Downtown CAC – Laureen Vivian
- City Budget Reps (2) – Craig Goldfarb, Dan Dixon
- City Attorney Liaison – *Pat Nave*
- HANC (Harbor Alliance of Neighborhood Councils) - Diana Nave, Craig Goldfarb (alternate) Bob Bryant (alternate)
- Rancho LPG Holdings Liaison – *Pat Nave*; John Greenwood; Dan Dixon (Alternate)

Animal Services Liaison – Pete Burmeister

***Names in italics are not members of the governing board***